

FACULTY OF SCIENCE,  
AGRICULTURE & ENGINEERING

# STUDENT TRIPS 2011-2012

# Introduction

**Building on last year's programme, the Faculty of Science, Agriculture & Engineering (SAGe) has arranged a new series of trips and visits to enrich your experience during the coming academic year.**

The new selection of trips is based on feedback from last years participants and this booklet provides a schedule of the planned excursions, together with information on each of the trips. Last year, students were able to visit the historic cities of York and Edinburgh and these popular locations are included again this year. New destinations

include Leeds and the Leeds Armouries, Sunderland Glass Museum, Eden Camp and Whitby.

Should you wish to attend an event you will be able to purchase tickets from Alison Pattison in the foyer of the Devonshire Building at the specified times. You are able to purchase tickets for any events before the specified date if you wish.

**If you need to know any further information you can contact Alison Pattison by email at [alison.pattison@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:alison.pattison@ncl.ac.uk)**

# Trips - At a Glance

Page	Date	Venue	Ticket Price	Tickets Available
4	15th October	Newcastle Open Top Bus	£5.00	1pm to 3pm 30th September and 3rd & 4th October 2011
5	29th October	Leeds & Leeds Armouries	£13.00	1pm to 3pm 3rd, 4th and 5th October 2011
6	12th November	York	£14.00	1pm to 3pm 17th & 19th October 2011
7	19th November	Sunderland Glass Museum & Winter Gardens	£10.00	1pm to 3pm 31st October and 1st November 2011
8	3rd December	Edinburgh	£15.00	1pm to 3pm 7th & 8th November 2011
9	1 February	St James' Park	£3.50	1pm to 3pm 17th & 18th January 2012
10	11th February	Durham	£10.00	1pm to 3pm 17th & 18th January 2012
11	17th March	Whitby	£13.00	1pm to 3pm 14th & 15th February 2012
12	31st March	Lake District	£14.00	1pm to 3pm 12th & 13th March 2012
13	28th April	Eden Camp and Yorkshire Dales	£17.50*	1pm to 3pm 16th & 17th April 2012

\*Includes entry fee to Eden Camp

Tickets for all events will be on sale at each of the dates indicated above. However you are able to purchase tickets for trips before the specified date. Some of the popular trips may fill up before the date that they are available above. If you are particularly keen to attend a trip I suggest that you purchase your ticket early.

Please remember to bring your Smart Card when purchasing tickets.

The University is unable to accept credit cards for these trips.

## Open Top Bus Tour



This tour gives you an early opportunity to see the city that you will be studying in. You will see the highlights of the city's architecture as well as the other locations that help make it the vibrant place it is today. The tour will also provide you with a chance to learn your way around your new home.

Among the sites you will see on the route are the Baltic, St James' Park, the SAGE and the Gateshead Millennium Bridge.

For more information visit: <http://www.city-sightseeing.com/tour-Newcastle>

**When:** Saturday 15 October 2011

**From:** The bus will depart from St Thomas' Street (end of Kings Walk at the side of the Agriculture Building) at 12.30pm

**Price:** £5.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison at reception of the Devonshire Building at 1pm to 3pm - 30th September and 3rd & 4th October 2011.

## Leeds & Leeds Royal Armouries



Spend the day looking around the city of Leeds, or spend your time at the Leeds Armouries, or visit both - the choice is yours.

The Leeds Armouries is Britain's national museum of arms and armour with over 8,500 objects on display in five galleries. Entry to the Royal Armouries is free although some events in the museum may incur a charge.

Leeds is a compact city with designer labels, vintage, quirky boutiques as well as over 1000 shops from all the major high street shops. The elegant Victoria Quarter, designed by Frank Matcham has been restored to its former glory, with gilded mosaics and rich marble now houses 75 designer shops.

For more information visit: <http://www.royalarmouries.org/visit-us/leeds>

**When:** 29th October 2011

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Clarendon Road at 8am returning from Leeds at 5pm.

**Price:** £13.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison in the foyer of the Devonshire Building at 1pm to 3pm - 3rd, 4th and 5th October 2011

# York



This is always a very popular trip and it is advisable to book your tickets early. Visitors to York are able to see many historic attractions, including the Minster, and will also have the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping in the Shambles. Please note that the cost does not include entry into any venues. You are free to choose how you spend your time.

For more information visit: <http://www.visityork.org/>

**When:** Saturday 12th November 2011

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 8am  
returning from York at 5pm

**Price:** £14.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison in the foyer of the Devonshire Building.  
1pm to 3pm - 17th & 19th October 2011

# Sunderland Glass Museum, Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens



The National Glass Centre houses exhibitions, galleries, artist studios and production facilities and is dedicated to exploring ideas through glass.

Sunderland Museum and Winter Garden combines a museum, art gallery, exhibition space and winter gardens. The art gallery features pictures by L S Lowry and the winter garden has over 2000 plants.

Admission to all venues is free.

For more information visit: <http://www.nationalglasscentre.com/home.html>  
<http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/sunderland/>

**When:** Saturday 19th November 2011

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 12.30pm

**Price:** £10.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison in the foyer of the Devonshire Building.  
1pm to 3pm - 31st October & 1st November 2011

# Edinburgh



On this trip you are able to enjoy a full day touring the city and visiting some of its treasures such as the world famous Edinburgh Castle, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels and hear the might of the One O' Clock Gun. Alternatively, enjoy the sites along the famous Royal Mile, Princesses St or Holyrood Palace.

Edinburgh is steeped in history with galleries, museums and ghost tours. This trip is very popular so you are advised to book as soon as possible.

For more information visit: <http://www.edinburgh.org/>

**When:** Saturday 3rd December 2011

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 8am  
returning from Edinburgh at 5pm

**Price:** £15.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison at reception of the Devonshire Building at 1pm to 3pm - 7th & 8th November 2011

# St James' Park



A trip to St James' Park is a must for any football fan (unless you support Sunderland or Middlesbrough). Students are shown the facilities in the changing rooms, conference centre and the press suite before being taken outside for photographs on the edge of the pitch and in the home team's dugout. St James' Park has a capacity of 52,500 and is an all seater stadium. It is the oldest and largest stadium in the North East and is the seventh largest football stadium in the United Kingdom. It has hosted rock concerts, been used for film sets, for charity football events and will be used as a football venue for the 2012 Olympics.

For more information visit: <http://www.nufc.co.uk>

**When:** Wednesday 1st February 2012

**From:** Agriculture Building foyer

**Price:** £3.50

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison at reception of the Devonshire Building at 1pm to 3pm - 17th & 18th January 2012

# Durham



Durham City has plenty to see with a choice of historical sites, cultural experiences and shopping.

The City can trace its history back over one thousand years and the cathedral was the focal point for much of this. The cathedral was voted Radio 4 Today Programme's favourite building in 2002 and named "the best cathedral on Planet Earth" by the travel writer Bill Bryson. Durham Castle is part of the Durham City World Heritage Site. Entrance is by guided tour only.

Durham offers a wide range of attractions with a variety of restaurants and shops. However, if you want a more leisurely pace you can take a path to the river where you can take the Prince Bishops river cruise. The stretch of river by the racecourse is well known for the annual Durham Regatta which is held in June. The regatta was founded in its present form in 1834, making it the second oldest in the country, even older than Henley. The Regatta has grown enormously in recent years, attracting over 600 crews from all over the world.

For more information visit: <http://www.visitcountydurham.com/>

**When:** 11 February 2012

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 12.30pm  
returning from Durham at 4pm

**Price:** £10.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison at reception of the Devonshire Building at 1pm to 3pm - 17th & 18th January 2012

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# Whitby



Whitby town is a beautiful ancient sea port on the edge of the North York Moors National Park.

From the old town of Whitby, 199 steps lead up to the parish church of St. Mary, whose churchyard on Whitby's East Cliff gave Bram Stoker the inspiration to write his world famous book Dracula.

Whilst in Whitby you can visit the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Turnstone Gallery, or the Whitby Museum & Pannett Art Gallery or simply queue at the Magpie Cafe which is famous for its locally sourced fish and chips.

For more information visit: <http://www.visitwhitby.com/>

**When:** 17th March 2012

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 8am  
returning from Whitby at 4pm

**Price:** £13.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison at reception of the Devonshire Building at 1pm to 3pm - 14th & 15th February 2012

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## Lake District – Ambleside



Back by popular request, and following our successful visit last year, we have arranged a trip to Ambleside. This is a popular tourist destination in the Lakes on the edge of Lake Windermere. The Lake is constantly busy with ferries, yachts and boat trips. There are a variety of specialist shops and Ambleside is a good starting point for many Lakeland Walks.

For more information visit: <http://www.visitcumbria.com/amb/amble.htm>

**When:** Saturday 31st March 2012

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 8am  
returning from Ambleside at 4pm

**Price:** £14.00

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison in the foyer of the Devonshire Building  
at 1pm to 3pm - 12th & 13th March 2012

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## Eden Camp & Yorkshire Dales (Helmsley)



Eden Camp is a multi-award winning Modern History Theme Museum housed within the grounds of an original World War Two prisoner of war camp. It was developed into a museum by local businessman Stan Johnson to stand as a tribute to all people, civilian and military, who endured hardship throughout World War Two. Today, Eden Camp has people of all ages visiting from around the world to see the story of World War Two re-created using sights, sounds, smells and moving figures to create a unique atmosphere that makes it feel like you travelled back in time to wartime Britain.

Then onto the Yorkshire Moors and a stop at Helmsley which is the starting point of the Cleveland Way National Trail and where you can visit the 12 Century Helmsley Castle. Helmsley has a large market square with shops pubs and tearooms.

For more information visit: <http://www.yorkshiredales.net/>

<http://www.edencamp.co.uk/>

**When:** Saturday 28 April 2012

**From:** The lay-by outside the Great North Museum on Claremont Road at 8am  
returning from Helmsley at 4pm

**Price:** £17.50 (this includes your entry fee to Eden Camp)

Tickets will be available from Alison Pattison in the foyer of the Devonshire Building  
at 1pm to 3pm - 16th & 17th April 2012

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## More Information

Other websites you may find useful when planning your own trips around the region:

NewcastleGateshead - [www.visitnewcastlegateshead.com](http://www.visitnewcastlegateshead.com)

Visit Northumberland - [www.visitnorthumberland.com](http://www.visitnorthumberland.com)

Visit North East England - [www.visitnortheastengland.com](http://www.visitnortheastengland.com)

Newcastle City Eye - [www.newcastle.gov.uk/cityeye](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/cityeye)

Finally you may also find our Family Fun booklet which can be found on [www.ncl.ac.uk/sage/postgrad/familyfun.pdf](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/sage/postgrad/familyfun.pdf)

## Conclusion

I hope that this booklet has given you some ideas to get you started on some trips out and about the region. This is only a guide and there is much more to see in Newcastle and the North East. Newcastle and the surrounding region are full of history, culture and stunning countryside. It is well worth exploring. I'm sure this will enhance the Newcastle experience for you and your families.

*Alison Pattison,*  
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## Terms and Conditions

**By purchasing a ticket you have read and accepted the following:**

- Tickets are non-refundable (unless they are re-sold).
- Tickets are issued on the production of a valid student smart card.
- The relevant ticket for the trip must be shown prior to departure and retained for the return journey.
- Tickets are available for SAGE Faculty Postgraduate students only. However an additional guest ticket may be purchased for a family member or friend. More than one guest ticket will only be allowed on trips that are not fully subscribed. On popular trips the university may need to restrict the number of additional tickets bought.
- In case of emergency, all attendees on the trips will be required to provide a mobile telephone number prior to departure.
- The University is not insured for children on these trips and as a result no children are allowed.
- The University has taken all practicable measures to ensure the health and safety of students attending.
- A thorough risk assessment of the range of activities in which students will engage has taken place and the SAGE Faculty is confident that students are not exposed to significant or unreasonable risk.
- General questions on Health and Safety in the university should be addressed to Vincent Theobald, Head of Safety, 0191 2226274.
- The University reserves the right to cancel trips if there is insufficient interest. Under these circumstances a full refund will be given.
- The University is unable to accept credit cards for these trips.

# Thoughts on the days out

Happy memories, and getting to know more about Britain



I saw places that I had no idea existed!

New experiences and friends

Seeing more, refreshing myself before the week to come, fitness, experiences, lots and lots!

Enjoyable days, exposure to architecture/history, friendship!

